

## **R E M A R K S**

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of June 27, 2006 and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

### **Claim Status**

Claims 10, and 12-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Snyder ('635)

Claims 11, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Snyder in view of Tree ('698).

### **Claim Amendments and Arguments**

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter from Claims 11-17, part of 18 and 20. The rest of Claim 18 remains as dependent from Claim 10.

#### **WITH REGARD TO THE CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. §102**

1. As seen from Fig. 5 of the application, the cable 201 and the cord 22 in the '635 reference are different in construction and function. As recited in Claim 18, the cable 201 is elastic due to its helix construction whereas in Figure 4 of the '635 reference, the cord 22 is straight and non-elastic.

2. In order to fix the cable 201 of the Application in the recess, Claim 16 recites "... the second opening being wider than a diameter of said cable and smaller than a width of said connector, said recess being for fastening said connector... said signal-transmission device is

drawn out of said recess and pulled upwardly out of said fastening device by passing through said second opening when said computer accessory is used by a user, and said signal-transmission device is moved back into the fastening device and said signal-transmission device is clamped into said second opening after adjusting a optimum length of said signal-transmission device." Hence, the cable 201 needs to be pulled upwardly out of said fastening device, whereas the cord 22 in the '635 reference in order to be pulled out is pulled along directions in a plane, and the plane is parallel to the ratchet wheel 38. Clearly, the structures of the Application and the '635 reference are entirely different.

3. As can be seen, the fabricated elements of the present Application are less in number than '635 reference so as to decrease the manufacturing cost and defect rate.

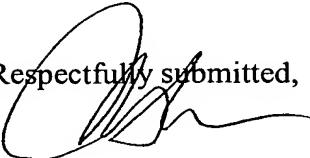
1. WITH REGARD TO THE CLAIM REJECTION U.S.C. §103

The second opening 3032 of the recess 303 in the claim has two protection means for the cable 201 and the connector 202. While the cable 201 is clamped in the second opening 3032, the connector 202 can not directly contact the second opening 3032. Therefore, the connector 202 is protected against wear, and since the cable 201 is of helix shape, the cable 201 itself can be directly clamped into the second opening 3032.

2. Compared to the '635 reference and the '698 reference, the cord 22 in the '635 reference is a straight cable without flexibility and there is no mention that the cord 207 is fixed as in the present patent application. Therefore, the connector 24 connecting the cord 22 is always contacts a surface of the pocket 26.

On the basis of the above action and comments it is respectfully submitted that  
Claim 10 as now presented is in allowable condition along with dependent Claim 18. Favorable  
reconsideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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